

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

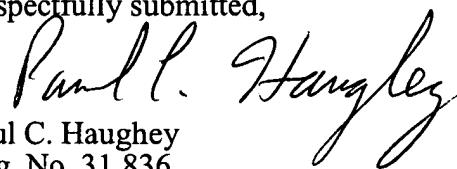
Claims 6 and 27-30 are pending in this application. Claim 6 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form, and has been so rewritten. Claims 27-30 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112 rejection, and have been so rewritten. The other claims were received art rejections, and have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,


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